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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, UNDER SECRETARY COOPER,
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MAYNES (IO) AND KATZ (EB)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, EGEN, PORG
SUBJECT: COMMON FUND RESOLUTION

REF: A) STATE 295701; B) USUN 5585

1. CONTACT GROUP NEGOTIATIONS ON COMMON FUND RESOLUTION
CONCLUDED AT 5:30P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

2. FIRST FIVE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS CAUSED NO PROBLEMS.
ON REMAINING PARAGRAPHS, US, FRG, CANADA, BELGIUM AND UK
ALTERNATED TAKING THE LEAD.

3. ON SIXTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH US (SUPPORTED BY BELGIUM,
JAPAN, UK, FRG AND CANADA) PROPOSED THAT:

--THE PHRASE "HAD TO BE" SHOULD BE CHANGED TO "WAS"
--THE PHRASE "EVEN THE" SHOULD BE ELIMINATED
--THE LAST PART OF THE PARAGRAPH BEGINNING "IN CLEAR
CONTRADICTION" SHOULD BE ELIMINATED.
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4. G-77 SPOKESMAN (JAMAICA) ACCEPTED CHANGE FROM "HAD TO BE"
TO "WAS", REJECTED THE DELETION OF "EVEN THE" AND SUG-
GESTED THAT THEY COULD CHANGE THE PHRASE "IN CLEAR
CONTRADICTION" TO "DESPITE." US COUNTERED THAT THEY HAD
TO HAVE THE WORD "THE" ELIMINATED SINCE THIS IMPLIED ONLY
ONE SET OF BASIC ELEMENTS WHICH WOULD MAKE THE COMMON
FUND A KEY INSTRUMENT OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR
COMMODITIES. THERE WERE OTHER POSSIBLE BASIC ELEMENTS
AND WE DID NOT WANT THE RESOLUTION TO PREJUDGE THOSE
BASIC ELEMENTS WHICH WERE ESSENTIAL TO A MEANINGFUL COMMON

FUND. JAMAICA SUGGESTED THAT WE MOVE ON AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE THEIR POSITIONS ON THIS PARAGRAPH UNTIL THE WHOLE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED.

5. ON PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH SEVEN, BELGIAN DELEGATE SUPPORTED BY OTHERS IN AFOREMENTIONED GROUP PROPOSED DELETION OF THE WORD "SERIOUS" AND A SUBSTITUTION OF THE WORD "COULD" FOR THE WORD "WILL." AMERICAN COUNTERED BY ACCEPTING THE WORD "WOULD" FOR THE WORD "WILL". US STATED THAT IF WE ACCEPTED THE WORD "WOULD", WE WOULD NEED DELETION OF WORD SERIOUS BUT WE MIGHT ACCEPT THE WORD SERIOUS IF WE GOT THE WORD COULD. JAMAICANS SEEMED TO ACCEPT THE WORD "COULD" FOR RETENTION OF THE WORD "SERIOUS."

6. ON PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH EIGHT, FRG PROPOSED CHANGE IN "THE FAILURE" TO READ "A FAILURE" AND CHANGE IN THE VERB "WILL" TO THE VERB "COULD." AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE JAMAICANS SEEMED TO BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE FORMULATION "ACUTELY AWARE THAT IF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMMON FUND FAIL, IT WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT, ETC."

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7. ON PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH NINE, THE BELGIAN DELEGATE PROPOSED "MANY COUNTRIES" RATHER THAN "THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES," DELETION OF THE WORD "THOSE" AND DELETION OF THE WORD "INDEED." JAMAICA COULD ACCEPT DELETION OF THE WORD "INDEED" AND SAID THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER OTHER CHANGES IN LIGHT OF OVERALL RESULT. A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MADE STRONG STATEMENTS AGAINST THE WORD "THOSE" ARGUING THAT IT PREJUDGED WHICH ELEMENTS WERE ESSENTIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL COMMON FUND.

8. IN DISCUSSION OF FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, CANADA PROPOSED THAT THE WORDING BE CHANGED TO: "CALLS UPON ALL COUNTRIES TO REVIEW THEIR POSITIONS TO ENABLE AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE."

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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, UNDER SECRETARY COOPER,
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MAYNES (IO) AND KATZ (EB)

9. AT THIS POINT, UNITED STATES MADE AN INTERVENTION
ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE AND SAID THAT WE WERE
COMING TO THE CRUNCH SINCE THE FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH
WOULD BE SEEN IN RELATION TO THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS.
TAKEN TOGETHER THE SEEMED TO BE SINGLING OUT A
FEW COUNTRIES AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE NEGOTIATION AND SINGLED THEM OUT TO MAKE DECISIONS TO BRING THEM IN LINE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. U.S. WOULD JUDGE THE RESOLUTION ACCORDINGLY TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:
--THE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE AN AFFIRMATION OF THE DESIRE OF ALL OF US TO NEGOTIATE SUCCESSFULLY ON A COMMON FUND;
--THE RESOLUTION SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONSULT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN ORDER THAT THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE BE RESUMED IN A PRODUCTIVE MANNER;
--THE RESOLUTION SHOULD NOT PLACE BLAME ON ANY COUNTRY FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE LAST NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE.
--THERE SHOULD BE NO PREJUDGING OF THE BASIC ELEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR A SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE.
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U.S. THEN PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE FOR FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ALONG LINES OF REFTEL B. G-77 WOULD NOT GIVE. US SAID WE HAD A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH PARAGRAPH AS WORDED SINCE IT SEEMED TO US TO BE FINGER-POINTING. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION JAMAICA MADE POINT THAT PARAGRAPH DID NOT POINT TO "SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" BU RATHER TO "THOSE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE DONE SO. " THIS WOULD BE INTERPRETED DIFFERENTLY BY DIFFERENT DELEGATIONS. THEN FINLAND PROPOSED ANOTHER VERSION OF THE FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH AND IT WAS AMENDED BY NEW ZEALAND TO READ "APPEALS TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO TAKE THE NECESSARY POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL DECISIONS ON SUCH BASIC ELEMENTS AS WOULD FACILITATE THE RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE". THEY NOTED THE CHANGE FROM "CALLS UPON" TO "APPEALS TO."

10. FRANCE AND JAPAN SAID THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT FINNISH PROPOSAL AS AMENDED AS LONG AS IT WERE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS NO LINK BETWEEN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2.

11. JAMAICA ASKED FOR REACTIONS FROM OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES (I.E., US, FRG, AND UK). AT THIS POINT UNITED STATES SAID IT COULD GO NO FURTHER AND ASKED FOR A RECESS TO CONSIDER THE VARIOUS IDEAS PUT FORWARD.

12. SUBSEQUENT TO THE CONTACT GROUP MEETING, THE FRG INFORMED THE US THAT IT COULD GO ALONG WITH A FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: "CALLS UPON COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO TAKE THE NECESSARY POLITICAL DECISIONS AS WOULD ENABLE HE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE TO RESUME ITS WORK WITHIN A CLEARLY ESTABLISHED NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK." THEY COULD NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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BY THE FINNISH PROPOSAL BECAUSE OF REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL DECISIONS AND RETENTION OF PHRASE BASIC ELEMENTS. IN THEIR PROPOSAL THE PHRASE BASIC ELEMENTS IS ELIMINATED AND THUS LINK TO PREAMBULAR REFERENCES TO BASIC ELEMENTS IS BROKEN. THE FRG HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH MEMBERS OF G-77 AND THINKS THEY WILL ACCEPT.

13. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FRG PROPOSAL AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN CONTACT GROUP TOMORROW.
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